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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are now in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-11 are herein amended.

In Item 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the abstract. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended the abstract in order to reduce the number of words to a maximum of 150.

In Item 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Raybon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,605,216).

The Applicants state that a Canadian parent application is copending. In the copending Canadian patent application, a reference was cited that appears to be more relevant than the Raybon reference. Accordingly, the Applicants are concurrently filing an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) for this reference to be considered. Moreover, in view of the reference cited in the prosecution of the Canadian application, the Applicants submit a voluntary amendment to Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-11 to reflect the changes made in the copending Canadian patent application. The Applicants believe that, with the amendments to the claims, the present application patentably distinguishes over the Raybon reference and the reference cited in the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

In Item 3 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has objected to Claims 2, 4, 5, 6 and 12 for informalities. The Applicants state that, with the present voluntary amendment, the word "*motorised*" has been removed from Claim 2, whereas Claim 12 is herein withdrawn. Similarly, the Applicants herein withdraw Claim 4, whereby the informalities in Claim 4 are not presently corrected. The Examiner further argues that in Claim 5, line 1, the word "a" should be deleted, whereby the Applicants have proceeded as suggested. The Examiner further argues that in Claim 6, last line, the word "in" should be "*into*", whereby the Applicants have proceeded as suggested. Finally, the Applicants consider the suggestion of the Examiner to use terms other than the term "*displays*" to indicate movement. At the moment, the Applicants wish to keep the word "*displays*" in the claims.

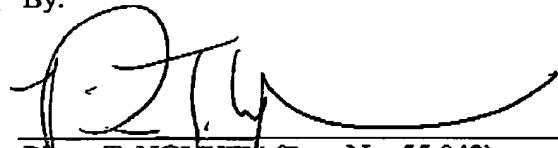
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In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in order for allowance, and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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